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to 60°C throughout said biological burden reduction, wherein said continuous stream of O<sub>x</sub> gas is drawn into, through and out of said biological burden reduction chamber simultaneously throughout said biological burden reduction, and wherein said O<sub>x</sub> gas comprises between about 3 and 6% O<sub>3</sub> and about 1 and 10% CO<sub>2</sub>.

**REMARKS**

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Claim 47 is pending. Early consideration and prompt allowance of the pending claim are respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any suggestions to place the application in even better condition for allowance, Applicants request that the Examiner contact the undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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